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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the first special session

Mr. Leopoldo LOPEZ COSSIO (Bolivia), President of the fourth regular session, will open the first special session of the General Conference.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with decision IDB.10/Dec.22, paragraph (g), of the Industrial Development Board, the provisional agenda of the first special session of the Conference should consist of one item for discussion, i.e. appointment of the Director-General.

In addition to the conventional items (opening and closure of the session and adoption of the agenda), two items have been added by the Director-General in accordance with rules 15 and 18.2 of the rules of procedure of the Conference: item 3 concerning the credentials of representatives in the Conference to enable the Conference to comply with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, and item 5 concerning the election of one member to the Industrial Development Board to comply with rule 102.2.

The provisional agenda to be submitted to the Conference for approval is contained in document GC/S.1/1/Rev.1.

Item 3. Credentials of representatives in the Conference

As stipulated in Article 8.1 of the Constitution of UNIDO, the Conference shall consist of representatives of all Members of the Organization. Membership in the Organization is defined in Article 3 of the Constitution. The latest list of States Members of UNIDO will be made available in document IDB.10/35/Rev.1 - GC/S.1/2.

In accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and the names and titles of the other persons constituting the Member's delegation shall be submitted to the Director-General if possible not less than one week before the opening of the session which the delegation will attend. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Director-General. In view of the short duration of the special session, delegations are urged to submit credentials and related information concerning the composition of delegations before 9 a.m. on 30 March 1993.

The credentials of representatives shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned. A Permanent Representative to the Organization does not require special credentials if his letter of accreditation to the Organization specifies that he is authorized to represent his Government at sessions of the Conference, it being understood that this does not preclude that Government from accrediting another person as its representative by means of special credentials.

(a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 28, a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference on the proposal of the President. Its composition, in accordance with the same rule, shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, which is as follows: Argentina, Barbados, Burundi, China, Kenya, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation and United States of America.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

The Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report without delay to the Conference, which shall decide any question arising (rule 28).

Item 4. Appointment of the Director-General

The General Conference, at its third session, reappointed Mr. Domingo L. Siazon, Jr. as Director-General of UNIDO for a period of four years from the first day of December 1989 or until the Director-General appointed at the fifth regular session of the General Conference assumed office, whichever was later (decision GC.3/Dec.7).

In line with the terms and conditions of the appointment of the Director-General as adopted by the General Conference (decision GC.3/Dec.8,

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annex, article 7) at its tenth session the Industrial Development Board, on behalf of the Conference, accepted the resignation of Mr. Domingo L. Siazon, Jr. from the post of Director-General of the Organization with effect from 31 March 1993 (decision IDB.10/Dec.22). Subsequently, at its fifth special session, the Board agreed to the request of the Government of the Philippines to release Mr. Domingo L. Siazon, Jr. from the post of Director-General, with effect from 31 January 1993, and decided to appoint Mr. Louis C. Alexandrenne, Deputy Director-General of the Department of External Relations, Public Information, Language and Documentation Services, as Acting Director-General of UNIDO, from 1 February 1993 until the first special session of the General Conference on 30 March 1993.

Article 11.2 of the Constitution stipulates that "the Director-General shall be appointed by the Conference upon recommendation of the Board for a period of four years."

In its decision IDB.10/Dec.22 the Board invited Member States to nominate candidates as soon as possible and in any event submit the nominations to the President of the Board before 25 February 1993. It also decided to resume its tenth session on 29 March 1993 in order to recommend to the General Conference a candidate for the post of Director-General, and requested the convening of the first special session of the Conference in Vienna on 30 March 1993 for the purpose of considering the recommendation of the Board for the appointment of a Director-General.

The procedure to be followed by the Conference for the appointment of the Director-General is contained in rule 104 of its rules of procedure.

In accordance with rule 103.4, the Conference shall also consider a draft contract, submitted to it at the same time by the Board for approval, establishing the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General, including the salary and other emoluments attached to the office. When approved by the Conference, the contract of appointment shall be signed by the new Director-General and by the President of the Conference, acting in the name of the Organization.

The Conference will thus have before it for consideration two decisions emanating from the resumed tenth session of the Board on 29 March 1993:

- A decision on the recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director-General;

- A decision on the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General.

Item 5. Election of one member to the Industrial Development Board

By decision GC.4/Dec.9, the Conference at its fourth session elected 26 members to the Industrial Development Board to hold office until the close of the sixth regular session of the Conference in 1995. One of those members was the former Czechoslovakia. With the dissolution of that State, on 1 January 1993 a seat became vacant among those allocated to States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution. In accordance with rule 102.2 of its rules of procedure, the Conference will have to elect a new member for the remainder of the unexpired term of office. The issue is included in the provisional agenda of the current session in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.

Information on the updated membership of UNIDO is provided in document GC/S.1/2. As shown in that document, a number of new Member States are not included in any of the lists of States determined by the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 2152(XXI). For the purpose of the election of a member of the Board and prior to it, the Conference, in accordance with Annex I, paragraph 1, of the Constitution, should decide, after appropriate consultations, in which of those lists these new Member States are to be included.

The Conference will have before it:

- Lists of States included in Annex I to the Constitution of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (GC/S.1/2) (to be updated, as required, before the session).

Item 6. Closure of the first special session